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Raised Bill No. 6969

OPPOSE

To require a person who installs an above-ground swimming pool to hold a swimming pool builder's license.

The Connecticut Spa & Pool Association (CONSPA) offers its technical guidance and vernacular to the authors of Proposed Bill # 6969 to maintain the public, health & safety assurance delivered by prerequisite education and licensing of pool builders.

The change in the definition of "swimming pool" to remove the word "partially" completely changes the intent and scope of the original license law for pool builders.

The definition as it is currently written only includes those structures that are permanently attached to the land which are in-ground pools and partially in-ground pools. By its very name a partial above-ground pool is a permanent structure that is only partially above ground.

To construct in-ground and/or partially in-ground pools requires a high degree of sophisticated, technical and safety training. Consumer safety is why the pre-requisites to obtaining the license requires several years of proven experience, and the obtaining of a national certification which in itself has strict prerequisites of continuing education and several years of proven experience.

To install an above-ground "temporary" pool does not require that knowledge, as these pools are sold as a kit at the retail level and are intended to be installed by a do-it-yourself homeowner who follows the package instructions.

Enactment of Proposed Bill 6969 as written will decay the public assurances provided through a shared license to offer and construct permanent and temporary swimming pools. (SEE PHOTOS TO DEMONSTRATE SCOPE OF POOL/SPA INDUSTRY)

If this amendment were to be enacted those builders who construct partially above-ground pools would no longer need a license to do so which is not the intent of the law and a new class of licensee would be created for above ground pool installers which was never intended in the law.

As an industry we produce exceptionally thorough and current educational resources, ranging from hands on training institutes to internationally recognized pool building and technical certifications. Several of these courses serve as prerequisites for Connecticut Pool & Spa license applicants and have recently been chosen to satisfy licensing requirements in New York and Long Island. CONSPA is more than willing to explore these

programs with the authors of Raised Bill 6969, and the creation of an above ground pool installer credential.

The Connecticut Spa & Pool Association urges no action to be taken on Raised Bill #6969.

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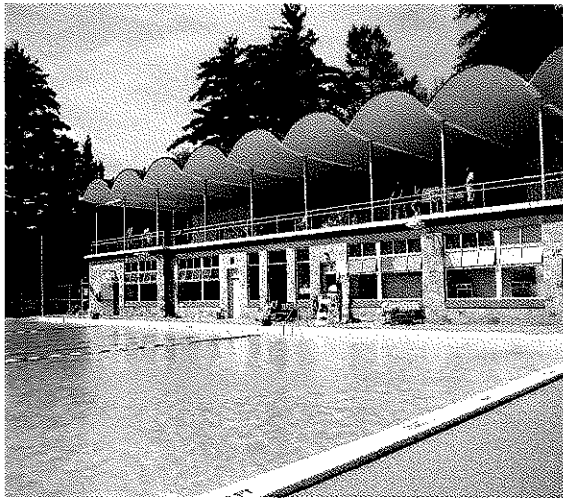
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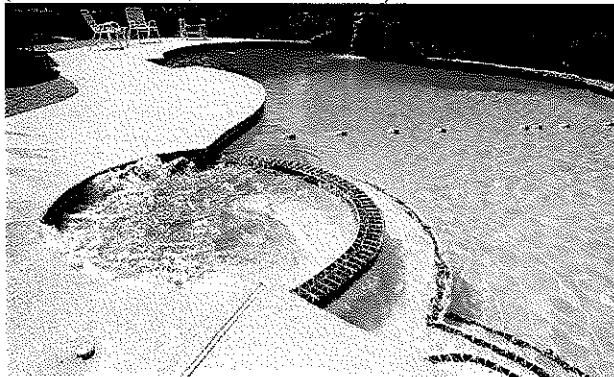
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ABOVE GROUND POOL



MUNICIPAL / COMMUNITY POOL
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RESIDENTIAL POOL / SPA COMBO/